21.	Warangal	18
22	West Godavari	43
Total		400

The above plan is subject to availability of equipment.

Directives to States to Improve Prison Conditions

247. SHRI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that prison conditions as a whole in the country are horrible and depressing;

(b) whether it is also a fact that despite of that many State Governments have not utilised the funds given to them for the purpose; and

(c) whether Government propose to issue specific directives to the State Governments in this regard, if so when?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI RAM LAL RAHI): (a) to (c) Concern over prison conditions has been expressed by the Central Government, National Human Rights Commission and other bodies. Concern has also been expressed by the Central Government on the non-utilisation of Central Assistance for the purpose by some of the State Governments. 'Prisons' being a State subject, it is for the State Governments to not only take steps for improving the conditions of jails but also to avail of and effectively utilise the funds provided to the State Governments by the Centre. Guidelines have been issued from time to time by the Central Government to tone up the person management in the States.

तेल कम्पनियों के नेटवर्क का विस्तार

248. **श्री गोपालसिंह जी सोलंकी:** क्या **पेट्रोलियम और प्राकृतिक गैस** मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या सरकार के पास देश के सभी भागों में एल०पी०जी० (रसोई गैस) की आपूर्ति के लिए तेल कम्पनियों के नेटवर्क का विस्तार करने हेतु कोई प्रस्ताव विचाराधीन है;

(ख) वर्ष 1994-95, 1995-96 और 1996-97 के लिए इन कम्पनियों द्वारा क्या लक्ष्य निर्धारित किये गये हैं; और

(ग) गुजरात, मध्य प्रदेश में एल०पी०जी० (रसोई गैस) नेटवर्क का विस्तार करने के लिए क्या कदम उठाये गये हैं?

पेट्रोलियम और प्राकृतिक गैस मंत्रालय राज्य मंत्री (कैप्टन सतीश शर्मा): (क) से (ग) देश में घरेलू एल पी जी नेटवर्क का विस्तार करने के लिए, क्षेत्र की संभाव्यता और उत्पाद की उपलब्धता को ध्यान में रखते हुए विभिन्न स्थानों में चरणबद्ध रूप से नई एल पी जी डिस्ट्रीब्यूटरशिपें खोली जाती हैं। तदनुसार 1994-96 की विपणन योजना में 1191 एल पी जी डिस्ट्रीब्यूटरशिप प्रस्ताव शामिल कर लिए गए हैं जिनमें से गुजरात, मध्य प्रदेश और उत्तर प्रदेश के लिए क्रमशः 64, 104 और 128 प्रस्ताव शामिल हैं। 1996-97 की विपणन योजना अभी तक नहीं बनाई गई है।

Upgradation of Post Offices in Orissa

249. SHRI BHAGABAN MAJHI: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have identified the branch Post Offices and Sub-Post Offices in Orissa for upgradation;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) what is the number of those Post Offices which are located in the scheduled areas?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SUKH RAM): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise in view of (a) above.

Allocation of Natural Gas by GAIL

250. SHRI GOVIND RAM MIRI: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the criteria laid down for allocation of natural gas by the Gas Authority of India Limited (GAIL);

(b) whether GAIL has not been allocating gas to the new applicants for the last few years;

(c) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;

(d) the measures taken or proposed to be taken by Government to improve availability of gas in the country and ensure its allocation to all the eligible applicants; and

(e) whether GAIL has formulated any long term policy in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (CAPT. SATISH SHARMA): (a) Natural gas is allocated by the Government. These allocations are based generally on the Imputed Eonomic Value of gas use subject to preference being given to the power and fertiliser sector.

(b) and (c) Since the gas projected to be available was mostly allocated by 1990, very little gas was allocated thereafter. Allocations made recently include 1.4 MMSCMD to Mathura Refinery, 0.6 MMSCMD to industrial units around Agra and gas from isolated pools in Gujarat, Andhra Pradesh and Tamil Nadu.

(d) and (e) The availability of gas from domestic sources is being increased by development of new fields and additional development of some existing fields. The Government is also examining the feasibility of importing natural gas LNG.

Food Processing Projects in Bihar

251. SHRI JANARDAN YADAV: Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the Food Processing Projects sanctioned in the State of Bihar during 1994-95 and also proposed to be sanctioned during 1995-96;

(b) the employment generation capacity of these projects in terms of man-days; and

(c) the export capacity of these food processing projects?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI K.P. SINGH DEO): (a) to (c) During 1994-95 and 1995-96, two proposals have been approved for setting up of 100% Export Oriented units for manufacture of fruit juice concentrate in the State of Bihar. Apart from these 7 Industrial Entrepreneurs Memoranda have also been filed during the same period for setting up of various Food Processing Units in the State of Bihar. As per available information, the proposed direct employment generation in these projects would be approximately 622 persons and the targeted exports during the first 5 years would be Rs. 16 crores approximately.

Financial assistance to Food Processing Industries in Andhra Pradesh

252. SHRI T. VENKATRAM REDDY:
SHRI G. PRATHAPA REDDY:

Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have provided financial assistance under Plan Development Scheme to Food Processing Industries sector in Andhra Pradesh;

(b) if so, the details thereof during the last three years;

(c) the details of other incentives Government propose to give to the entrepreneurs for setting up of food processing industries in Andhra Pradesh?